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FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

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SUBJ: SPECIAL INTEREST FLIGHTS (SIF)

1 **PURPOSE.** This order establishes procedures and specifies flight routes in U.S. territory to use when handling Special Interest Flights (**SIF**) as defined in FAA Order **7110.65**, Chapter 8.

2 **DISTRIBUTION.** This order is distributed to the division level in the Office of International Aviation, the Air Traffic Operations **Service**, the Air Traffic Plans and Requirements Service, the Office of Air Traffic Evaluations and Analysis, and the Office of the Chief Counsel; to the Branch level in the Regional Air Traffic Divisions; and in a standard distribution to all Air Route Traffic Control Centers.

3 **BACKGROUND.** The U.S. Departments of State, Defense, Transportation, Justice, Treasury and others work together continuously to ensure that overflights of U.S. territory by aircraft of Communist Bloc nations are conducted in a manner which does not threaten U.S. security and which supports fair and reciprocal treatment for U.S. aircraft abroad. The FAA plays a critical role in this coordinated effort since it clears, monitors, controls and reports the movement of these Special Interest Flights (**SIF**) along approved routes during operations in U.S. airspace. Compliance with the routing guidance in this order and with the guidance in FAA Order **7110.65**, Chapter 8, Section 2, is essential to prevent compromise of national security and to support U.S. policy objectives in international civil aviation.

4. **RESPONSIBILITIES.**

a. The FAA Office of International Aviation, International Policy Coordination and Analysis Division (**AIA-100**) shall:

(1) Act as **HQ** FAA manager of the **SIF** program and provide timely guidance and assistance to Air Route Traffic Control Centers (**ARTCC**) and to **HQ** FAA Central Flow Control (**ATO-120**) on all policy matters related to **SIF** overflights.

(2) **Coordinate** with all appropriate government agencies to develop acceptable routing for all **SIF** flights.

(3) Publish and maintain the currency of this order and Appendix 1, Approved Communist Bloc Air Routes in U.S. Airspace, and Appendix 2, Restricted Overland Routes To/From Caribbean Areas.

(4) Provide appropriate agencies with additional routing as **necessary** via message or other expeditious means for **SIF travelling** to destinations not covered in this order.

(5) Notify by message as far in advance as possible all affected **ARTCCs**, **ATO-120**, and other interested **government** agencies of the dates, times, routes, destinations and other pertinent data on all **SIF** flights. Where appropriate a single message may be used to transmit an entire annual schedule or charter program.

(6) Maintain a permanent record of all unusual incidents and significant deviations involving **SIF** aircraft.

b The Air Traffic Operations Service, Central Flow Control Facility (**ATO-120**) shall:

(1) Act as **HQ** FAA Air Traffic Operations focal point for coordination of **SIF** schedules/routes/handling.

(2) Assist **ARTCCs** in ensuring **SIF** are cleared for and fly only **pre-approved** routes unless safety dictates otherwise.

(3) Handle any ongoing **SIF** operational problems, incidents, deviations, etc., in accordance with Order **7110.65**; request assistance as desired from **AIA-100**.

(4) Document significant **SIF** deviations, problems, failures to comply with controller instructions, and other unusual circumstances that are observed by **ATO-120** or reported by **ARTCCs**. Provide this information to **AIA-100** in a timely manner so that the appropriate government agencies can be informed and action can be taken as required.

c. The **ARTCCs** will:

(1) Take whatever action is necessary and use whatever routing is required to maintain safety of flight. Safety of flight takes precedence over **all** aspects of the **SIF** program.

(2) Under normal circumstances clear **SIF** only along the routes specified in this order. For flights approved to destinations not covered by this order, routing will be provided by message from **AIA-100** or by other expeditious means through **ATO-120**.

(3) Designate a **SIF** Point of Contact (**SIFPOC**) to provide rapid crossflow of information among persons responsible for the **SIF** program in FAA Headquarters and in each **ARTCC**. This includes coordinating/disseminating **SIF** policy, route information and flight schedules, as well as assisting in follow on investigations of deviations or other unusual circumstances involving **SIF**.

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(4) Report any unusual circumstances or significant problems, deviations, failures to comply with controller instructions etc., to ATO-120 and NORAD in accordance with Order 7110.65, Chapter 8, Section 2.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Messier', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Thomas P. Messier
Director of International Aviation

APPENDIX 1. APPROVED COMMUNIST BLOC AIR ROUTES
IN U.S. AIRSPACE

Note: Where more than one route is shown below from a point of origin to a destination, the first (#1) route is the primary route and should be used when conditions allow. If the first route is **unuseable**, the other **routings** may be **utilized**.

1. TO ANCHORAGE, AK (PANC)

a. From Polar Route Structure

(1) Via Polar Routes ALERT (LT) QUEBEC TRACK
HARVZ ENN J125 ANC

2. TO BOSTON, MA (KBOS)

a. From New York (KJFK)

(1) MERIT ORW PVD V151 INNDY

b. From North Atlantic Area

(1) CANADIAN ROUTING TUSKY J575 SCUPP BOS

(2) PQI J29 BGR J79 J575 SCUPP BOS

3. TO BRADLEY IAP, CT (KBDL)

a. From New York (KJFK)

(1) V229 BDR BDR014 JUDDS BRISS

b. From North Atlantic Area

(1) YSJ HL550 TUSKY J575 SCUPP BOS V419

BDL

4. TO CHICAGO, IL (KORD)

a. From Detroit (KDTW)

(1) SVM V170 LESSY J70 PMM V84 KUBBS ORD

b. From Los Angeles (KLAX)

(1) J96 BDF V10 PLANO KORD

c. From Montreal (CYMX)

(1) CANADIAN ROUTING HL/J546 ECK J94 PMM V84
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d. From North Atlantic Area

(1) CANADIAN ROUTING HL/J546 ECK J94 PMM V84
KUBBS ORD

5. TO DETROIT, MI (KDTW)

a. From Chicago (KORD)

(1) Radar Vectors PETTY GRR LAN V218 PINTO

b. From Montreal (CYMX)

(1) CANADIAN ROUTING YXU V98 DESDN V2 RHYME

6. TO HAVANA, CUBA (MUHA) AND CARIBBEAN AREA

a. From Montreal (CYMX)

(1) V282 BUGSY J570 ALB J37 JFK A300
CHAMP G437 ZQA R628 UVR

b. From New York (KJFK)

(1) JFK SHIPP LINND CHAMP G437 ZQA R628
UVR

c. From Toronto

(1) J522 HNK HUO J63 JFK A300 CHAMP G437
ZQA R628 UVR

d. From Washington, D.C. Andrews AFB (KADW) and Dulles Airport (KIAD)

(1) RADAR VECTORS PALEO V44 SIE B24 CHAMP
G437 ZQA R628 UVR

7. TO LOS ANGELES, CA (KLAX)

a. From Montreal

(1) YOW HL546 ECK J94 OBK MZV IRK J26
GAG BGD J8 GUP J96 DRK J10 TNP

b. From New York (KJFK)

(1) RBV J230 AIR J80 MKC J26 GAG BGD
J8 GUP J96 DRK J10 TNP ARRIVAL

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c. From San Francisco (KSFO)

(1) PORTE DEPARTURE AVE J1 LAX

8. TO MONTREAL (CYMX)

a. From Chicago (KORD)

FRANX (1) ELX CRL J/HL586 YYZ HL586 MSS V203

b. From Detroit (KDTW)

FRANX (1) YQG CANADIAN ROUTING YYZ HL586 MSS V203

c. From Havana (MUHA)/Caribbean Area

SYR (1) UVR R628 ZQA G437 CHAMP A300 JFK J63
ART ART040 HL/J594 MSS V203 FRANX

d. From Los Angeles (KLAX)

CRL (1) TRM J134 ICT J26 JOT J146 SBN J554
J/HL586 YYZ HL594 MSS V203 FRANX

e. From New York (KJFK)

HL/J594 (1) JFK GAYEL J95 J63 SYR ART ART040
MSS V203 FRANX

f. From Portland (KPDX)

(1) J1 SEA J/HL503 YDC CANADIAN ROUTING

9. TO NEW YORK, NY (KJFK)

a. From Boston (KBOS)

(1) ARCHER AVONN V268 HTO ERICK FLOID

b. From Havana (MUHA)/Caribbean Area

CAMRN (1) UVR R628 ZQA G437 CHAMP A300 OWENZ

c. From Los Angeles (KLAX)

J70 (1) TRM J134 STL J110 VHP ROD J29 JHW
AVP LENDY ARRIVAL

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d. From Montreal (CYMX)

(1) V282 BUGSY J570 ALB IGN ARRIVAL

e. From North Atlantic Area

(1) DAVES J585 STOOL J150 HYA SUFFOLK ARRIVAL

(2) PQI J29 BGR J79 HYA SUFFOLK ARRIVAL

(3) YFC HL/J581 BGR J79 HYA SUFFOLK ARRIVAL

(4) YSJ HL/J573 SEAER J79 HYA SUFFOLK ARRIVAL

(5) HERIN J174 HYA SUFFOLK ARRIVAL

f. From San Francisco (KSFO)

(1) S A C J32 CZI J82 FSD J16 BAE J/HL70
AVP LENDY ARRIVAL

g. From Toronto (CYYZ)

(1) J522 HNK ARRIVAL

h. From Washington, D.C. Andrews AFB (KADW)

(1) Radar Vectors POLLA V312 PALEO V44 V229
MORTN V44 CAMRN

i. From Washington, D.C. Dulles (KIAD)

(1) RADAR VECTORS AML091 PALEO V44 V229 MORTN
V44 CAMRN

10. TO NORTH ATLANTIC AREA

a. From Boston (KBOS)

(1) BOS SCUPP J575 TUSKY

(2) BOS J575 J79 BGR J29 PQI .

b. From Bradley IAP, Ct

(1) BOS SCUPP J575 TUSKY

c. From Chicago (KORD)

(1) ELX CRL J/HL586 CANADIAN ROUTING

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d. From New York (KJFK)

(1) KENNEDY DEPARTURE BEECH ACK

(2) KENNEDY DEPARTURE BEECH HYA J79 BGR J29

PQI

e. From Washington D.C., Andrews AFB (KADW)

J42 RBV (1) RADAR VECTORS SWANN V268 BROSS OOD235 OOD
J62 ACK

J42 RBV (2) RADAR VECTORS SWANN V268 BROSS OOD235 OOD
J62 J79 BGR J29 PQI

f. From Washington, D.C., Dulles (KIAD)

OOD235 (1) RADAR VECTORS EN0271 SWANN V268 BROSS
OOD J42 RBV J62 ACK

OOD235 (2) RADAR VECTORS EN0271 SWANN V268 BROSS
OOD J42 RBV J62 J79 BGR J29 PQI

11. TO POLAR ROUTE STRUCTURE

a. From Anchorage (PANC)

(1) ANC J115 FAI HARVZ QUEBEC TRACK CANADIAN
ROUTING

12. TO PORTLAND (KPDx)

a. From Montreal (CYMX)

(1) CANADIAN ROUTING YDC HL/J503 SEA J1 PDX

13. TO SAN FRANCISCO (KSFO)

a. From Los Angeles (KLAX)

(1) Ventura Departure RZS BSR SFO .

b. From New York (KJFK)

J106 (1) GAYEL J95 BUF J/HL547 ECK J38 GRB
GEP J70 ABR J32 MLD J158 MVA MOD ARRIVAL

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14. TO TORONTO (CYYZ)

- a. From Havana (MUHA)/Caribbean

(1) UVR R628 ZQA G437 CHAMP A300 JFK J63
HUO BGM J95 BUF V36 LINNG ARRIVAL

15. TO TRAVIS AFB, CA (KSUU)

- a. From eastern USSR (INF Treaty Flights)

(1) 5600N17200E NUKKS SPY CDB A342 RED00
ENI PYE SUU (Note: Reverse route for return to USSR)

16. TO WASHINGTON D.C., ANDREWS AFB (KADW)

- a. From Havana (MUHA)

(1) UVR R628 ZQA G437 CHAMP B24 ATR085
ATR V308 OTT

- b. From New York (KJFK)

(1) WAVEY PLUME V308 OTT

- c. From North Atlantic Area

(1) Use appropriate North Atlantic entry for KJFK until
overhead HYA, then proceed: J150 HTO J174 ATR085 ATR
V308 OTT

17. TO WASHINGTON D.C., DULLES (KIAD)

- a. From New York (KJFK)

(1) RBV V276 V457 LRP V143 ROBERT AML

- b. From North Atlantic Area

(1) Use North Atlantic entry for KJFK until overhead
HYA, then proceed: J150 HTO SAX J228 LRP V143 ROBERT
AML

APPENDIX 2. RESTRICTED OVERLAND ROUTES
TO/FROM CARIBBEAN AREAS

NOTE: The following routes are restricted and should not be used under normal circumstances. These routes may be used during situations when flight along the normal over water routes between Cuba and North America is not possible. There are two routes shown below from each point of origin to each destination. The first (#1) route is the primary route and should always be used when conditions allow. If the first route is unusable, the secondary (#2) routing may be utilized.

1. TO CUBA/CARIBBEAN AREAS

a. From Montreal (CYMX)

(1) V282 BUGSY J570 ALB J37 JFK A300 J174
DIW ATLANTIC ROUTES

(2) V282 SLK J29 SYR J59 PSB J61 EMI
GVE J75 FMY MTH G448

b. From North Atlantic Area

(1) CANADIAN ROUTING DAVES J585 STOOL J150
HYA J174 DIW ATLANTIC ROUTES

(2) CANADIAN ROUTING (J509 useable if desired) YSC
J563 ALB J49 PSB J61 EMI GVE J75 FMY MTH G448

c. From Washington, D.C. (KIAD and KADW)

(1) DAILY J61 EDDYS J174 DIW ATLANTIC ROUTES

(2) FLUKY GVE J75 FMY MTH G448

2. TO MONTREAL (CYMX)

a. From Cuba/Caribbean

(1) ATLANTIC ROUTES DIW J174 ORF J121 A300
JFK J63 SYR ART ART040 HL/J594 MSS V203 FRANX

(2) MTH FMY J75 CAE J51 FAK J109 J78
PSB J59 SYR ART ART040 HL594 MSS V203 FRANX

3. TO NORTH ATLANTIC AREA

a. From Cuba/Caribbean

(1) ATLANTIC ROUTES DIW J174 ORF J121 J62
ACK

(2) MTH FMY J75 CAE J51 FAK J109 J78
PSB J59 SYR J/HL559 CANADIAN ROUTING (J509 useable as
desired)

4. TO WASHINGTON, D.C. (KIAD AND KADW)

a. From Cuba/Caribbean

(1) ATLANTIC ROUTES CLB ILM J109 FAK

(2) MTH FMY J75 J51 FAK